

Contingency plan setting out the school's arrangements for making up for lost time due to prolonged unforeseen closures in 2026-2027.

1. The following contingency arrangements apply where the school has closed for an unforeseen prolonged period.

The school authority, in consultation with the principal and teachers, will take the following steps:

1. Quantify the number of school closure days that have occurred.
2. Assess the effect of the loss of tuition and identify any shortfalls that have occurred as a result of the unforeseen closures.
3. Consult with the principal and teachers with a view to ensuring that the curriculum for each class/year group can be completed before the end of the school year. Subject to consensus at local level, any changes to normal practice that can be made to facilitate such work will be put in place. A non-exhaustive list of possible examples of how this might be achieved include:
 - prioritising tuition over other non-tuition activities
 - reducing where possible the length of mock/house examinations
 - consideration of whether learning in the classroom should be prioritised over school tours, etc.
 - ensuring examination and Transition Year classes attend all classes to the end of May
4. If necessary, the school authority will review the school calendar with a view to identifying any available discretionary days that the school had planned to close that could be made available to make up the loss. In this regard, the school authority will take into account the need to provide adequate notice of any changes to the school calendar to students, parents and staff.
5. In cases where the school has been affected by prolonged school closures for example due to severe weather, and where the school authority considers that the above measures will not adequately address the loss in tuition involved, the school authority may, having established what arrangements for school transport may or may not be feasible if other schools are remaining closed, decide to reduce the February mid-term break by up to three days subject to the requirement that all schools must be closed on the Thursday and Friday of the week in which this break falls.
6. The school authority will consider the implications of any measures identified for pupils/students, teachers, parents and other staff and also other parties such as school transport, bus escorts, traffic wardens, visitors to the school, etc.

2. The school's arrangement to communicate and make available its contingency plan.

The school will ensure that parents, staff, and students are clearly informed of any changes to the school calendar or the activation of contingency arrangements. This plan and any subsequent calendar amendments will be communicated via:

School website

Messaging platforms e.g. Tyro

Direct correspondence: Texted directly to parents/guardians

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